

## **Assembly Bill No. 1460**

### **CHAPTER 710**

An act to amend Section 50675.13 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1460, Saldana. Multifamily Housing Program: project prioritization.

Existing law establishes the Multifamily Housing Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide a standardized set of program rules and features applicable to all housing types based on the department's California Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Existing law requires the department, with respect to certain funds appropriated under the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 and allocated under the Multifamily Housing Program, to award reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize infill development, adaptive reuse in existing developed areas served with public infrastructure, and projects in proximity to public transit, public schools, parks and recreational facilities, or job centers.

The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury and requires the sum of \$1,500,000,000 to be deposited in the Affordable Housing Account, which the act establishes in the fund. The act continuously appropriates the moneys in the account in accordance with a specified schedule that requires, among other things, the transfer of certain sums to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund in the State Treasury for expenditure under the Multifamily Housing Program.

This bill, additionally, would require the department to award reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize sustainable building methods established in accordance with certain criteria listed under state regulations relating to federal and state low-income housing tax credits.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 50675.13 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

50675.13. (a) With respect to funds made available under this chapter, the department shall award reasonable priority points for projects to prioritize any of the following:

- (1) Infill development.
- (2) Adaptive reuse in existing developed areas served with public infrastructure.
- (3) Projects in proximity to public transit, public schools, parks and recreational facilities, or job centers.
- (4) Sustainable building methods that are either of the following:
  - (A) Established in accordance with the criteria listed under paragraph (8) of subdivision (c) of Section 10325 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations, or any successor regulation.
  - (B) Established by the department, in consultation with the California Building Standards Commission for the purposes of funding developments subject to this section and are more stringent than those in subparagraph (A).
- (b) The department may utilize other factors in rural areas to promote infill development.